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S. RES. 364

Supporting the observance of National Diabetes Month.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 30, 2009

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Supporting the observance of National Diabetes Month.

Whereas there are nearly 24,000,000 people in the United States with diabetes and 57,000,000 with pre-diabetes;

Whereas diabetes contributed to the deaths of over 300,000 people in the United States in 2007, making diabetes the seventh leading cause of death;

Whereas every minute, 3 people are diagnosed with diabetes;

Whereas each day approximately 4,384 people are diagnosed with diabetes and, in 2007, approximately 1,600,000 new cases of diabetes were diagnosed in people 20 years or older;

Whereas between 1990 and 2001, diabetes prevalence in the United States increased by more than 60 percent;

Whereas over 24 percent of diabetes is undiagnosed, down from 30 percent in 2005, and 50 percent 10 years ago;

Whereas over 10 percent of adults and nearly $\frac{1}{4}$ (23.1 percent) of people in the United States age 60 and older have diabetes;

Whereas diabetes is a serious chronic condition that affects people of every age, race, income level, and ethnicity;

Whereas Hispanic, African, Asian, and Native Americans are disproportionately affected by diabetes and suffer at rates much higher than the general population;

Whereas annually, 15,000 youth in the United States are diagnosed with type 1 diabetes and approximately 3,700 youth are diagnosed with type 2 diabetes;

Whereas 1 in 3 people in the United States born in the year 2000 will develop diabetes in their lifetime, and this statistic grows to nearly 1 in 2 for minority populations;

Whereas diabetes costs the United States an estimated \$174,000,000,000 in 2007, and \$1 in every \$10 spent on health care is attributed to diabetes and its complications;

Whereas approximately 1 out of every 4 Medicare dollars is spent on the care of people with diabetes;

Whereas every day 230 people with diabetes undergo an amputation, 120 people enter end-stage kidney disease programs, and 55 people go blind from diabetes;

Whereas there is not yet a cure for diabetes;

Whereas there are proven means to reduce the incidence of and delay the onset of type 2 diabetes;

Whereas people with diabetes live healthy, productive lives with the proper management and treatment; and

Whereas National Diabetes Month is celebrated in November:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of National
3 Diabetes Month, including encouraging people in the
4 United States to fight diabetes through raising pub-
5 lic awareness about stopping diabetes and increasing
6 education about the disease;

7 (2) recognizes the importance of early detection,
8 awareness of the symptoms of diabetes, and the risk
9 factors for diabetes, which include—

10 (A) being over the age of 45;

11 (B) coming from certain ethnic back-
12 grounds;

13 (C) being overweight;

14 (D) having a low physical activity level;

15 (E) having high blood pressure; and

16 (F) a family history of diabetes or a his-
17 tory of diabetes during pregnancy; and

18 (3) supports decreasing the prevalence of diabe-
19 tes, developing better treatments, and working to-
20 ward an eventual cure in the United States through
21 increased research, treatment, and prevention.

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